

## OFFICERS REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD, MEET HERE TODAY

**SOLONS IN OTTAWA FOR DECEMBER SESSION—COUNTY CLERK EARNINGS AT HIGH MARK—ADJOURN TO TOMORROW.**

Reports of officers showing net earnings for the past six months occupied principal attention of supervisors who assembled in Ottawa this afternoon for their December meeting. After a half hour's sitting the board adjourned until tomorrow, at which time they will resume their duties.

The report of County Clerk Bach showed net earnings during the six months' period of \$19,362.22. Probate Clerk Zulu had an excess over and above the running expenses of his office of \$457.98, while the County Treasurer reported that the balance in the county exchequer amounted to the grand total of \$121,056.31. County Auditor Heiberg made an efficiency report, showing expenses of various departments, the statement being detailed and very carefully prepared. He showed that it was costing the county 41½ cents a day to feed inmates at the county jail, 374 cents to feed prisoners at the county jail, and 715 cents to feed Detention Home inmates. The courts and criminal business during the year cost the county \$26,904.32, while a total of \$109,725.89 was spent for pauper aid.

**Petitions Heard.**  
The Strator Poultry association petitioned the county for an appropriation to help them finance their show during the winter. The matter was referred to committee.

W. H. Stead, as director of Trade & Commerce, asked the county to purchase a standard scale, weights and bars for use of the county clerk, who is the official sealer of the county under the law.

The McLean county board of supervisors notified the La Salle county solons that they had appropriated \$200 a month for Red Cross aid and asked La Salle to follow suit.

## EASTERN STAR WILL HOLD MEMORIAL FOR THEIR DEAD MEMBERS

The members of the Eastern Star lodge will hold their annual memorial services at the Masonic temple, to-night at 8 o'clock for the members of the Ottawa chapter who have died during the past year. Six members of the lodge have been added to the memorial list during the past year. One of this number is a past worthy patron of the lodge. The members who have died are:

Barbara Bingham, William H. Gibbon, Marion Van Schoick, and Markinson, Irving D. Vincent (past patron), Eva L. Werner.

The ceremonies tonight will be conducted by the seven past worthy patrons of the lodge who will fill the following offices:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. Alice Rigden, Associate Matron—Mrs. Gertrude Farnham, Conductress—Mrs. Lena Roemer, Associate Conductress—Mrs. Edna Smith, Uplifter—Mrs. Mabel Wendel, Marshal—Mrs. Edna Mitchell, Treasurer—Miss Laura Conant, Worthy Patron—George Crockett.

At 8 o'clock will deliver the eulogies for the six members who have passed away during the past year, giving a five-minute eulogy for each member. This will be a public memorial and every one in the city is invited to attend.

## CORN YIELD INCREASE 2 BU. AN ACRE IN 1917

Washington, Dec. 11.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture this afternoon estimated the production per acre of corn at 23.1 bushels, as against 21.1 in 1916. The total production was estimated at 2,159,494,000 bushels compared with a crop of 2,566,927,000 bushels in 1916.

The total production of all wheat was estimated at 659,828,000 bushels compared with 636,318,000 bushels.

## Milking Excited Him.

Henry, aged six, who had just been in the barn watching his uncle milk the cows, went in the house filled with excitement and sat down to eat his breakfast. Later when mother asked him why he didn't drink his coffee, he replied, "Oh, mother, I forgot to milk it!"

## Received by Express

Kink and gray pure worsted yarn of exceptional quality. Full tonnage skeins. Yarn of this quality is hard to get. While it lasts, \$1.65 per skein.

## Moonlight Dancing

At Clapper & Verner dance hall, Friday evening, Dec. 11. Admission 50c.

## CITY AND VICINITY ITEMS

Charles Malone of Chicago is in Ottawa to attend the funeral of his cousin, Jules Wideman.

Miss Margaret Gaynor, probation officer from La Salle was an Ottawa visitor today.

Miss Carrie Shuler of Wichita, Kas., is spending a month's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Shuler on West Jackson street.

Russel Galloway has returned to his home in Chicago after spending the week end with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snow returned home last night after a short visit in Chicago.

Senator Peter Coleman of La Salle was an Ottawa business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Emmous Wilcox and mother, Mrs. M. J. Hogan of Seneca were in Ottawa. George Helfrich returned to Fort George. Helfrich returned to Fort Sheridan today after a visit with Ottawa relatives.

Word was received in this city today that Patrick J. Fitzmaurice is at the present time on his way to France.

Miss Maude Devereaux returned home last night after attending the wedding of Miss Hazel Cover in Champaign.

## ORDER QUIZ INTO MILITARY SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 11.—A comprehensive investigation including the military situation and the progress being made by the War Department in organizing, training and equipping the new army was ordered by the Senate Military Affairs Committee this afternoon.

Many complaints regarding slow progress equipping the new draft army was made before the committee.

## REED SAYS U. S. IS LIABLE TO ATTACK

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Reed of Missouri, created a sensation in the Senate this afternoon by warning of the danger of a Teutonic invasion of the United States, and advocating the calling out of all youths from eighteen to twenty-one years for training to meet such an emergency.

Speaking with amazing frankness the senator declared the Central Powers now have a preponderance of military strength and that if several more nations should follow Russia, Romania and Serbia out of the war, the Entente Allies could not longer check the Germans.

## WAS KITCHENER'S OWN CITY

Khartoum Rebuilt by British Leader After It Had Been Sacked by Derivishes on Their Retreat.

A sentimental interest will always attach to Khartoum, for it is Kitchener's city. He fought his way to it up the Nile, to drive the old town (Khartoum) and destroyed by the derivishes, writes a correspondent. He is said to have drawn the plans for the new Khartoum on the spot with his own hand, and the engineers set to work the same day to build it up. The streets and squares are laid out in the design of a monster Union Jack.

All that was only in 1898, but the new Khartoum is already a place of beauty and importance. There are many groves of noble trees, a feature only to be appreciated by the desert dweller, for the derivishes were not so fond of the refinements of modern warfare. They sacked the town on their retreat, but they failed to girdle the trees. They were only ignorant savages and they did their best, but thanks to their unfamiliarity with modern methods, Khartoum has some beautiful groves today. There are rose gardens, too, that were planted by the unfortunate Gordon himself.

The Blue Nile runs past the city; river gulleys helped Kitchener to encompass its fall. The White Nile is only a few miles away. These two great arteries of trade stretch their way southward into the unknown and northward flows the Nile river toward Cairo and the Mediterranean. The trade of the town is augmented by all manner of parties from the savage interior, and about Khartoum are native villages built after the fashion of all the tribes of the Sudan. The people are drawn from all the ends of Africa, negroes and Arabs, and from Europe and Asia come Syrians, Greeks and Copts. The upper classes are Egyptians in commercial clothes in the political and administrative world the English, of course, are dominant. It is a strange and cosmopolitan city that has grown from the plan that Kitchener sketched on the sand with the end of the last day's fighting still unburied on the plain.

## Found a Problem.

Poor Farmer (reading)—It says "to keep woodchucks from eating the tender young vines, spray them with Paris green." That is plain enough, but how can I catch the woodchucks in order to do it?

## Illinois Camp, I. O. O. F.

Tomorrow evening the members of Illinois Camp will meet in Odd Fellows' hall. Annual election of officers.

When Baby was sick we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children she gave them Castoria.

Castoria

## Society Notes

The Eastern Star afternoon card party will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Masonic temple. Mrs. A. Alschuler and Mrs. Fred Schumacker will be hostesses. All Mason ladies in the city are invited to attend this party.

The Westminster Guild met last night at the home of Miss Nell McCole. There was a good attendance in spite of the weather. The missionary study of the evening was conducted by Miss Blanche Houston after which the evening was spent in working on aprons for the exchange. The guild will be entertained at a dinner party next week at the home of Miss Marion Tihman, on Joliet street, the date of which will be announced later.

A very pleasant surprise party was held by the members of the Lady Macabees lodge last night when they held a farewell party for Mrs. Rhoda Bagley, at her home in the Calver flats. All the arrangements for the party were kept a complete secret from Mrs. Bagley until a large number of the members of the lodge arrived at her home. The evening was spent in games and a very good musical program was given by a number of the guests. A delicious supper was served at a late hour. Mrs. Bagley leaves soon after the first of the year for Chicago to make her future home.

The regular Tuesday night school and reception will be held tonight at Willis' dancing academy.

An all day meeting of the Philanthropic Department will be held tomorrow at the home of Mrs. George C. Jeky in the Jekys Apartments. The day will be spent in sewing on surgical dressings for the Red Cross. A picnic lunch will be served at noon.

The Modern Literature Club met last night at the home of Miss Gertrude Barnard. There was a good attendance in spite of the cold weather. Mrs. George C. Jeky conducted an excellent study of the Russian author, Fedor Dostoevski, and his book, "Crime and Punishment." The next meeting of the club will be held next Monday evening, December 17th, at the home of Mrs. Cordelia Hathaway in the Palmer apartment. Miss Snook will have the paper of the evening.

The Young Ladies' Missionary guild of the First Congregational church held a sewing meeting last night in the parlors of the church. The evening was spent in sewing on articles for the Red Cross. On next Monday evening the members of the guild will hold a meeting at the church. Supper will be served at 6:30. Miss Anna Conant will be hostess and will be assisted by the members of the East side committee.

Miss Louise Shuler entertained sixteen guests at her home on West Jackson street, in honor of Miss Jennie LaDue, whose wedding to Harold Campbell of Montana takes place in a few days. The affair was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by Miss LaDue. The evening was spent in sewing and with music and light refreshments were served. Miss LaDue is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Burdette LaDue and Mr. Campbell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Campbell, former Ottawa residents.

The annual business meeting of the Daughters of Isabella will be held to-night in the Knights of Columbus hall. Supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the business meeting and the annual election of officers.

The wedding of Miss Hazel Winfield Cover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Cover of Paw Paw, Ill., and Gilbert Hooper Collings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Collings, of Crocus, Virginia, was celebrated at the University Baptist church in Champaign Sunday evening, December 9, 1917, in the presence of 200 guests. The church was beautifully decorated with pink and white roses and carnations, and ferns. Preceding the ceremony an organ recital was given by Theodora Truitt, and Miss Lucy Lowe sang two solos, "Beloved It Is Mine" (Albany) and "I Love Thee" (Grieg). The ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin S. Bryant, pastor of the University Baptist church. Miss Maude Devereaux of this city was the maid of honor and Albert W. Owens of Pennsylvania was best man. The wedding party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride was beautifully gowned in a white georgette gown over white satin and trimmed with sequins, with a white tulle veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. Her slippers were of white satin headed in silver. Her bouquet was a shower of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Devereaux was gowned in a blue tulle, with gown trimmed in silver lace, with slippers and hat to match. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. Six girls acted as ushers gowned in white georgette crepe dresses, and carrying Ophelia roses. Mrs. Collings is a former Ottawa girl, having lived here all her life until five years ago, when the family moved to Paw Paw. She is a graduate of the Ottawa high school and has attended the University of Illinois. During the past year

## COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE FORMED

At a meeting held in the offices of Attorney Duncan & O'Connor in the Central Life building, a La Salle County Neighborhood Committee was organized, the object of which is "to promote patriotism, combat disloyalty, encourage good citizenship, make clear the causes of the war and bring home to the people their patriotic duties all thru public meetings, propaganda and such other means as may seem expedient."

The meeting was called to order by V. J. Duncan, who read a letter from Harold V. Rice, chairman of the State Council of Defense Neighborhood Committee, asking that such a meeting be called and enclosing a list of members of the La Salle County Neighborhood Committee, selected by the state committee. Twenty prominent men from this county have been appointed on this committee.

The following members were present at the meeting Saturday: V. J. Duncan, L. M. Lucas, W. C. Flick, D. G. Cairns, J. E. Buchner, A. Heiberg, A. J. O'Connor, Ottawa; William M. Scanlon, Peru; S. R. Lewis, Marshall; P. E. Coleman, La Salle and R. E. Larkin, of Streator.

V. J. Duncan was elected temporary chairman and Axel Heiberg was elected temporary secretary.

The principle business transacted was the election of the permanent officers, who are as follows: Chairman—Sheriff E. M. Davis, Vice Chairman—V. J. Duncan, Secretary—Axel Heiberg.

It was voted to create an executive committee consisting of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary and four additional members, and to certify to the state chairman the names of several reliable and influential men in different sections of the county for selection by him as members of the La Salle County Neighborhood Committee, in order that every section of the county be represented on this committee and thereby make it easier for the executive committee to perform its duties. Several names were presented by the members present from their localities.

Mr. Scanlon explained that patriotic meeting was contemplated to be held in Peru after the holidays and suggested that Clarence Barrow and possibly Victor Olander be secured as speakers for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned subject to call by the chairman.

## GEO. MOULTON ENTERS GAS-FLAME SERVICE

George Moulton, past thru Ottawa Sunday cruises from a Des Moines contingent came to Washington. Here he is to be connected with the gas and flame service in the future. Mr. Moulton has taken a special course in chemistry and because of this fact his services are needed in this particular department of the government. His mother, Mrs. Frank Moulton, went to Chicago yesterday to visit with her son.

## C. O. & P. EMPLOYEE CRUSHES FINGER

W. J. Torrens, 340 Lafayette street, an employee of the C. O. & P. railway, smashed the index finger on his left hand yesterday while working at the car shops. He was taken to Ryburn hospital and Dr. E. P. Halenway was called to dress his hand, after which he was able to return to his work.

## BLUING FIXED THE SCENERY

Water in Lagoon was Changed from Yellowish Hue to Green

Three barrels of bluing solved a difficult artistic problem in connection with the staging of the recent historical pageant at Newark, N. J. After about four hundred and fifty thousand gallons of water had been run into the lagoon in front of the natural stage it was found that the clay and sand had caused the water to turn yellow. Thomas Wood Stevens, the director, observed that the water must have a green color or the artistic effect of the stage settings would be spoiled.

The lagoon, 300 feet long, 165 feet wide and 2 feet deep, is one of the main features of the open air stage. It was Stevens' idea that the lagoon should produce a certain effect in connection with its natural surroundings. He had taken it for granted the water would be green.

When Director Stevens and his assistant, Sam Home, were going over final details of the amphitheater they were confronted with the yellow water in the lagoon. They were in a quandary as to how to overcome this difficulty when H. Wellington Ward, executive adviser of the Newark celebration committee, came along. The pageant masters explained their dilemma to Mr. Ward, who suggested the bluing. It worked.

Silk Hosiery for Men and Women.

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## HEARS FROM COUSIN WHO TOOK PERSHING UP IN AEROPLANE

Mrs. Victoria Phil of West Ottawa, is in receipt of a letter from her cousin, Alfred Cahill, an officer in the French flying corps. Mr. Cahill writes that he has had the honor of taking General Pershing with him in a couple of flights over the German line. He speaks very highly of the American general.

## MORE OTTAWA MEN LEAVE FOR TRAINING

Thirteen men left La Salle yesterday for training camps, after enlisting at the La Salle recruiting station. Eight of the men enlisted in branches of the army and five enlisted in the navy, going from La Salle to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Of the eight men enlisting in the army, seven of them went into the aviation service. During this month 72 men have enlisted at the La Salle recruiting station, the greatest number entering the aviation branch. The total number of men enlisting since the station was opened in La Salle has been 726.

The following are the names of the men who left yesterday:

Wm. Jakowski, La Salle, aviation; Harold P. Hayden, Ohio Station, aviation; Leslie C. Whitely, Tiskilwa, aviation; John E. Ryan, La Salle, aviation; Chas. Mathieson, Ottawa, aviation.

Strawn A. Gay, Ottawa, aviation; Verne C. Murdy, Ottawa, ordnance department, sent to Rock Island arsenal; Navy;

H. C. Shaw, Oklahoma; D. S. Smiley, Oklahoma; E. C. Blad, Oklahoma; P. J. Smith, Chicago; J. H. Honsley, La Salle.

## BISHOP ANDERSON TO VISIT OTTAWA

The Rt. Rev. C. P. Anderson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, will preach and administer confirmation at Christ Episcopal church in this city, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th. The service will be held at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear Bishop Anderson.

After the service an informal reception will be tendered the bishop in the parish house.

## PERCY TRESS JOINS U. S. ORDINANCE DEPT.

Percival M. Tress, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tress, of Highland place, left yesterday evening for Columbus, Ohio, for the ordnance department there for training in the ordnance department of the U. S. army. He enlisted yesterday morning in Chicago and returned to this city in the afternoon for an hour's visit before leaving for the training camp.

## Dogs Saved Boy From Bear.

Two small pet dogs saved the life of their thirteen-year-old master, Primo Westerman of St. Paul, when Teddy, a pet black bear, attacked the boy.

As the bear seized the boy the dogs gave battle and Teddy dropped the child and sought refuge in a nearby tree.

Carl, the sixteen-year-old brother, finally killed the bear with ten shots from a shotgun and a fusillade from a 22-caliber revolver. The brother retreated to the house to protect the mother and from an upper window opened fire on Teddy, who had taken to a tree after he wounded Bruno and the dogs gave him battle.

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